

see whether or not an appropriate portion of Fort Pickett—he just loved that base—can appropriately bear his name. It would mean a great deal to the men and women of the armed forces. We will do that.

Mr. ALLEN. That is a great idea.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator from Virginia yield?

Mr. ALLEN. Yes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as with Senator BOXER, I came to the House of Representatives in 1982. One of the freshman House Members was NORM SISISKY. Like Senator ALLEN, I can see that smile. He had an infectious smile. He was a friend. I enjoyed my service with that class of 1982. Part of my memories will always be NORM SISISKY.

I join in the comments made by my friends from Virginia and the Senator from California in recognizing a great public servant in NORM SISISKY.

Mr. WARNER. We thank our colleague for his remarks.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Will the Senator from Virginia yield?

Mr. WARNER. Yes.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I say to the Senators, oh, the gossamer thread of life cut short so quickly for such a great servant of the State of Virginia and of the United States of America with whom I had the privilege of serving in the House. He never met a man he did not like, and he was passionate about Government service. I thank my colleagues for calling this sad news to our attention and for the opportunity to respond.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, we thank our colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, briefly, I do not claim a close relationship with NORM SISISKY, but I have had the great privilege of serving on the Armed Services Committee with Senator WARNER for the last 18 years, and I can remember every year when we would go into conference with the House of Representatives, NORM would be there. He would be championing the positions he felt strongly about and that were important to the people of Virginia. I also mourn his loss and recognize the important loss it is to Virginia and to this Congress.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, we thank our colleague.

TRIBUTE TO PUNCH GREEN

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, the great Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "To live fully is to be engaged in the passions of one's time." Few Oregonians—and few Americans—have lived a life as full as Alan "Punch" Green's. Alan Green was known to us who loved him as "Punch." I say that few have lived a life as full as Punch's because few have made such a positive difference in the passions of our time.

Punch passed away last Friday at the age of 75. And as his many friends—myself included—struggle to get used to

the fact that we can no longer call Punch for his straightforward advice, I would like to pay tribute here on the Senate floor to this remarkable Oregonian.

Punch was a member of what has been termed "The Greatest Generation." Like so many others of that generation, Punch willingly risked his life for our country, as he served with distinction in the Pacific theater during World War II. And when he returned to Oregon following the war, Punch dedicated much of his life to making Oregon and America a better place in which to live, work, and raise a family.

He founded and ran a number of businesses, where he earned a reputation as a caring and fair manager. He became active in the Republican Party, serving as chair of campaigns for Presidents Ford, Reagan, and Bush, and serving as a trusted mentor to countless other candidates, myself included. Indeed, when I began my campaign for the Senate, one of the first people I sought out for advice and support was Punch Green, and I could not have asked for a more loyal friend.

Punch loved his home city, the city of Portland, OR, and he understood the importance of ensuring that Portland remained true to its name. As a commissioner and as President of the Port of Portland, Punch skillfully guided the port through an era of major growth and expansion. Punch's leadership on these issues came to the attention of President Reagan, who chose Punch to serve as chair of the Federal Maritime Commission, a post he filled with great skill for 4 years.

Punch was nearing what many consider "retirement age" in the 1980s, and he certainly had earned the right to take it easy and spend time with his family. But Punch was always willing to answer the call of his country, and former President Bush was calling. In 1989, Punch packed his bags and accepted President Bush's request to serve as United States Ambassador to Romania.

Punch arrived at the embassy in Bucharest just 2 weeks before the fall of the Ceausescu dictatorship. As tensions mounted in that country and explosions could be heard in the distance, Punch evacuated women and children from the embassy, and slept on his office couch for 10 days. Punch would later tell me that one of the highlights of his life was waving an American flag from the embassy window to the thunderous applause and cheers of thousands of Romanian citizens who were celebrating the end of Ceausescu's bloody reign. Punch's leadership in Romania at this critical time was recognized in 1992, when he received the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award.

When his assignment in Romania came to its conclusion, Punch returned to Portland, where he continued to provide his inimitable leadership to a variety of worthy causes. One which was especially close to his heart was that of the Oregon Humane Society, which

now has a beautiful new facility in Portland, thanks, in no small part, to Punch's vision and generosity.

My thoughts today are with Punch's wife, Joan, his three daughters, and eight grandchildren. The Greek poet Sophocles once wrote that "One must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been." Although Punch left us much too early, it is my prayer that those who loved him will take solace in the fact that as he neared the evening of his time here on Earth, Punch could look back at a life rich with family, rich with friends, and rich with making a difference in the passions of our time, and he could say that the day has indeed been splendid.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH—RECOGNIZING PROMINENT WOMEN OF ARKANSAS

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, as we celebrate the remaining days of National Women's History Month, I want to call attention to several extraordinary women from my home state of Arkansas who have devoted their lives to improving our communities and lending a hand to those in need.

But before I talk about them individually, I first want to say a few words about a woman who is special not only to many generations of Arkansans but to the members of this body. That woman is Hattie Caraway.

In 1932, Hattie Caraway of Arkansas became the first woman ever elected to the United States Senate after winning a special election to fill the remaining months of her husband's term. Arkansans elected Hattie Caraway to the Senate two more times, and she served in the U.S. Senate until January, 1945.

Senator Caraway became the first woman to chair a Senate Committee and the first woman to take up the gavel on the Senate floor as the Senate's presiding officer. And when she finished her term, her Senate colleagues honored her for her service with a standing ovation on the Senate floor. Quite a feat for a woman back in 1945 especially since women had just won the right to vote only 25 years earlier!

There is no doubt that Hattie Caraway's service in the Senate paved the way for women seeking elective office. Thirty-one women have followed Hattie Caraway to the Senate, and today, a record high of 13 women are serving in the Senate at the same time. Combined with the 59 women in the U.S. House of Representatives, a record total of 72 women serve in the U.S. Congress today.

Another woman who is paving the way for women in politics in Arkansas is County Judge LaVerne Grayson. Judge Grayson last November became the first female county judge to serve Boone County, Arkansas.

Before attaining her judgeship, Judge Grayson was a nurse and Public Health Investigator Supervisor at the Arkansas Department of Health who helped